

Next Week!

December 22
Holiday Luncheon
Live Music
Partners Invited!

December 29
Adam Sherman's
Classification Speech

Jan 5 Party
@ Virginia's

NO REGULAR ROTARY
MEETING JANUARY 5



Our Ambassadorial Scholar Program Is Magnificent!



STUFF THE BUCKET!

Our club has never promoted this concept as other Rotary clubs may have done, but perhaps it is time to do so!

Every year for more years than I literally can remember as a Rotarian, our club has helped the Salvation Army with their annual Christmas drive by volunteering to man the buckets and ring the bells!!

Prior to becoming *TIPS* editor, my earlier years as a Rotarian meant that our volunteer spot prior to Christmas was on Union Street directly outside the T. W. Rogers & Co. department store. It was very busy - people going in and out of the store as if they were giving away merchandise.

My "youthful amazement" continued as one of our great Rotarian volunteers occasionally excused himself for a few moments as he went into Rogers . . . he was partaking of some "warming refreshment" from his silver flask, kept warm inside his suit coat! "It's very cold out here, Gene!" he exclaimed with a smile.



To this day, many, many years later, we still, as a club, assist the Salvation Army in their Christmas season fund raising. We even have a friendly "competition" with the other service clubs to see who has raised the most money.

However, I found some time ago that other clubs promoted their members internally to "stuff the bucket" - i.e. put in envelopes containing checks for \$50 - \$100 - \$150 that will boost the fund raising to help the drive and to win the championship!!

How many Rotarians stuff the bucket? *Unfortunately, very few.*

This is not right! Most of us can afford to put something substantial into the bucket each year and if you are not volunteering that day, give your envelope to a fellow Rotarian to slip into the red bucket on your behalf and not only support the Salvation Army (who as you know went all-out after the New Orleans disasters) but will enable our Rotary Club to win top spot - which we have not done for YEARS, losing to Kiwanis or Lions!

Let's do it, Rotarians !!

Our Club Election

There being only the nominees put forward by our nominations committee and an equal number of positions to fill, at our next meeting your editor is assuming a motion will be made to ask the club secretary to cast one vote in the affirmative.

Our Guests

Thursday our guests included our Ambassadorial Scholar and Wilson Lee, past president of the Rotary Club of Boston who brought our scholar to Lynn from Harvard.

Have You Wondered

where some of your donations go to when you give to our Rotary Foundation? Today's speaker was a shining example!

Thomas Langenberg, studying at the Kennedy Graduate School of Business at Harvard University was originally from Germany. Born in 1978, his original interests included flying and he joined the German air force where he served, focusing on aerospace fields but eventually changed his interests and is currently studying networking techniques among government and corporate entities and how they affect corporate and political decision making.



Thomas pointed out there is always a certain amount of social networking with companies and the exploration of new ideas. The programs he is with at Harvard seek to discover ways to make informational networking far more effective and efficient than it is today.

Thomas is very active in a large number of sporting activities too, including skiing in the Alps, rock climbing, running, canoeing - you name it!!

His wife is also a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and is currently studying in Europe.

Happy Birthday!
Bob Gaudet & Elaine Kurkul !!



Salvation Army Rotary Bellringing
Saturday, Christmas Tree Shop, Rt 1, Saugus
December 17 8 AM - 8 PM

Time	Names
8-9 a.m.	Bob Kennedy, Maryanne Rooney, Rich Cuffe
9-10 a.m.	Bill and Peg Simpson
10-11 a.m.	Jo and John Noyes,
11 a.m.-12 noon	Gene and Clara Hastings
12-1 p.m.	David Surface, Linda Williams
1-2 p.m.	Ilia Stacy, Connie Colom, Obie Barker
2-3 p.m.	Mark Kennard
3-4 p.m.	Maria Bazzi
4-5 p.m.	OPEN - Please help!
5-6 p.m.	Jerry Bovardi
6-8 p.m.	Tom Lynch

Lynn Rotary's New Reading Program

Several Rotarians and spouses signed up but we still need more !!

The locations are in various spots and are convenient for volunteers such as ourselves as there are time schedules 3 to 4 times during the day, 5 days a week!

Connie will continue to post sheets for sign-ups so each of us can choose the most convenient times and days.

Here are the signups as of this newsletter printing:

Future Date Sign-ups so far:

- Dec 19 4 PM Connie Colom
- Jan 10 9:30 Bob Kennedy
- Jan 10 2:30 Clara & Gene Hastings
- Jan 11 1:30 Ilia Stacy
- Jan 13 1:30 Linda Williams
- Jan 16 4 PM Connie Colom
- Jan 30 4 PM Connie Colom

That's 5 members out of a club of over 30 - let's go !!

Just under 2 weeks left . . .

to get your \$100 check for our Rotary Foundation to Gene in time for your 2005 income tax deduction!

You KNOW it's the thing to do - do it NOW and have the satisfaction you are helping those you may never see but will be always grateful for your help nevertheless!

Every Rotarian, yes, every Rotarian - should really try to be a sustaining member, every year.

\$100 is less than many of us spend for our daily coffee for the year. Less than \$2 a week



BULLETIN!

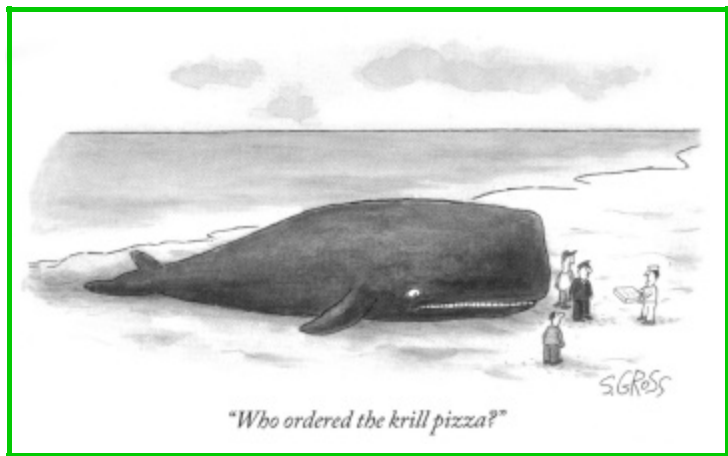
A Second \$100 check was received this week for our Foundation!

Another multiple-year participant has again become a Sustaining Member!

Thank you !! Thank you !!

**Remember - no regular meeting
 Thursday January 5.**

Jan 5 is the day of Virginia's Party - that's where we should all be!



District delivers more than \$5 million in aid to quake victims

Local and international Rotary clubs and districts have contributed more than US\$5 million in cash and in kind toward emergency relief to survivors of the deadly 8 October earthquake, according to Pakistan Rotary leaders.

More than 120,000 residents of the affected areas are benefiting from the relief and reconstruction initiatives of local Rotarians they say.

According to Rotary International District 3270 Governor Mohamed Faiz Kidwai, nearly every one of Pakistan's more than 3,000 Rotarians and Rotaractors responded quickly to the plight of residents of Pakistan-administered Kashmir and Northwest Frontier Province, which together sustained close to 100,000 deaths and many more injuries.

"Clubs are providing tremendous assistance to affected people," says Kidwai, who coordinates the activities of the district's emergency relief and medical relief committees. "From the first day, Rotarians have been donating [essential] supplies and money, visiting victims, and making sure that relief from clubs and districts here and abroad reaches to those who need it most."

He also notes that support from the Rotary world has been crucial to the success of local Rotarian efforts but more needs to be done to help over five million destitute and homeless quake victims, now threatened by a severe winter.

So far, District 3270 has coordinated the distribution of more than 20,000 blankets, 18,000 winterized tents, 12,000 sleeping bags, 2,000 ShelterBoxes, crutches, food, medicine, medical equipment, wheelchairs, warm clothing, and children's toys.

Our Pot Last week Linda and Gene lost the bid for almost \$400 and this Thursday Tom Lynch and Adam Sherman fought for the joker and also failed!

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

NEXT MEETING:

- December 22 - Bill Simpson & Linda Williams
- December 29 - Art Horgan & Gene Hastings
- January 12 - Mark Kennard & Jerry Bovardi